★ Availability of power: Demand to be fully met by year 2012. Energy and peaking shortage to be overcome and 5% spinning reserves to be available.

★ Per capita availability of electricity to be increased to over 1000 units by year 2012.

(b) The per capita consumption of electricity in India, which was 566.7 kwh as on 31.3.2003 increased to about 606.2 kwh as on 31.3.2005. The growth in installed generation capacity during last three years is mentioned below:-

31.3.2004	–	1,12,684 MW
31.3.2005	–	1,18,429 MW
31.3.2006	–	1,24,310 MW

Trans-Asian power grid

3903. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for establishment of a trans-Asia power grid, to transfer surplus power from Central Asian countries to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government consider such a project to be feasible; and

(d) if so, the details of any decision taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal with the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In the absence of specific proposals the feasibility of such a project cannot be assessed.

Funds for power project in Tripura

3904. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government or ONGC have made any allotment of fund for the gas-based thermal power project at Palatana in Tripura for the year 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the problems due to which power project of Monarchak of Tripura has been abandoned abruptly in a state of satisfactory progress of woks incurring several crores of rupees; and

(e) by when the project of Palatana is scheduled to generate power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) ONGC have informed that they have made a budgetary provision of Rs. 106 crores for the financial year 2006-07 for the 1100 MW combined cycle power plant at Palatana in Tripura.

(d) In view of the fact that the 1100 MW Combined Cycle Gas Plant is being installed at Palatana in Tripura, by the joint venture of IL&FS, ONGC and Government of Tripura, which is near to the proposed Monarchak project of NEEPCO as also due to issues relating to availability of gas for the Monarchak plant, on the advice of the Ministry of Finance, it has been decided to keep in abeyance the Monarchak project of NEEPCO. Moreover, there are sufficient alternate options for supplying power which are more attractive.

(e) ONGC has informed that the project at Palatana is expected to be commissioned during Eleventh Plan period.

Power generation capacity in the country

3905. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the break up of power generation capacity in the country on the basis of method of generation such as hydel, thermal, nuclear and so on;

(b) the method on which the unit price of electricity is calculated; and

(c) whether Government will consider giving electricity at concessional rate of States that give free/subsidized power for agriculture?